

BILL NO. **93-70**

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 93-70 (as amended)

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the request of the County Executive
Legislative Day No. 93-24 Date September 21, 1993

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection C 1(f) of Section 157-24, License Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, and to repeal and reenact, with amendments, all of Chapter 232, Taxicabs, of the Harford County Code, as amended, to provide for the issuance of taxicab owners' licenses and drivers' permits; to establish the criteria for issuance of said licenses and permits as well as grounds for suspension and revocation of said licenses and permits; to establish requirements for the operation of taxicabs and taxicab businesses in Harford County; and generally relating to taxicabs.

By the Council, September 21, 1993

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 19, 1993

at: 7:15 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 19, 1993, and concluded on, October 19, 1993

James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Subsection C
1(f) of Section 157-24, License Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, be, and it is hereby,
repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and that Chapter 232, Taxicabs, of the Harford County Code,
as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed, and that new Chapter 232, Taxicabs, be, and it is hereby,
added to the Harford County Code, as amended, to read as follows:

Chapter 157. Licenses and Permits

§ 157-24. License Fees.

C. Licenses.

(1) License of operators.

[(f) Taxicab driver's permit.

(1) County resident \$25

(2) Non-county resident \$50

(3) Replacement for lost or destroyed permit \$5]

(F) (1) TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMIT \$25

(2) TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE \$50

(3) OWNER-OPERATOR PERMIT \$35

(4) REPLACEMENT FOR LOST OR DESTROYED PERMIT \$5

(5) MEDALLION \$5.

~~CHAPTER 232. TAXICABS.~~ Chapter 232. Taxicabs.

[§ 232-1. Driver's permit required.

No person shall operate a taxicab in Harford County without first obtaining a taxicab driver's permit
issued from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits of the county.

§ 232-2. Qualifications of applicant.

An applicant for a taxicab driver's permit required pursuant to § 232-1 of this chapter shall:

A. Possess a valid State of Maryland driver's license.

B. Not be addicted to the use of drugs or intoxicating liquors.

C. Be able to speak, read and write the English language enough to understand and complete the

1 application.

2 D. At the time of the application, attach a record of traffic violations, if any, from the Department
3 of Motor Vehicles of the State of Maryland.

4 E. At the time of the application, produce a statement from a physician certifying to the applicant's
5 physical condition, the cost of which is to be paid by the applicant.

6 F. At the time of the application, produce references from two (2) citizens of the State of Maryland
7 who have known the applicant personally for at least one (1) year prior to filing of the
8 application. References from the applicant's immediate family or the owner of the taxicab will
9 not be accepted.

10 G. Obtain from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits two (2) black-and-
11 white photographs: one (1) shall be attached to the permit when issued, and one (1) shall be attached
12 to the application.

13 § 232-3. Issuance of driver's permit; display.

14 Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements of this chapter and the payment of proper fees, there
15 shall be issued to the applicant a permit, which shall be in the form as the Department of Inspections,
16 Licenses and Permits shall direct. The permit shall at all times be visibly displayed by the driver when
17 operating a taxicab. Any permittee who defaces, removes or obliterates any official entry made upon the
18 permit shall be cause to have the permit suspended or revoked.

19 § 232-4. Renewal of permit.

20 A taxicab driver's permit shall be renewed annually from the first day of June.

21 § 232-5. Revocation or refusal of permit.

22 The Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits is hereby vested with the discretion to refuse
23 a permit to any applicant to drive a taxicab or, after the issuance of a permit, to revoke the same for the
24 following reasons:

25 A. The applicant has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

26 B. The applicant has a physical or mental disability that might render him unfit for the safe
27 operation of a taxicab.

1 C. The applicant has been found to be addicted to the use of alcohol or drugs, rendering him unfit
2 for the safe operation of a taxicab.

3 § 232-6. Appeals.

4 Any applicant or a permittee who has been refused a permit or has had the permit revoked or
5 suspended by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits shall have the right, within ten (10)
6 days after such action, to appeal the decision to the Director of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, who
7 shall conduct a hearing upon such an appeal and shall determine, modify, affirm or reverse the decision.

8 § 232-7. Fees.

9 A. Appropriate fees shall be established by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
10 to sufficiently cover costs.

11 B. The applicant shall be responsible to pay all fees involved in the obtaining of a taxicab driver's
12 permit of Harford County. The county shall not reimburse any fees paid prior to the obtaining
13 of such permit in the event that the driver or applicant loses or is not issued a permit.

14 § 232-8. Inspection of vehicles.

15 A. No vehicle intended to be used as a vehicle for hire, taxicab, shall operate in Harford County
16 until the following requirements are complied with:

17 (1) The vehicle has been designated as a vehicle for hire, taxicab, by the Maryland State
18 Motor Vehicle Administration.

19 (2) The corporation or owner of the vehicle has submitted to the Sheriff's Department of
20 Harford County a copy of the registration or certificate issued by the Motor Vehicle
21 Administration certifying the vehicle as a vehicle for hire, taxicab.

22 B. The corporation or owner of a taxicab shall have the taxicab inspected every six (6) month
23 except during the first twelve (12) months in which a new vehicle, as defined in the
24 Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is placed into operation. These
25 inspections shall be conducted by an inspection station licensed by the Automotive Safety
26 Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police. The owner shall pay the prescribed fee for
27 said inspection and any and all repairs required as a result of the inspection. No taxicab shall

1 operate in Harford County unless it has a certificate of inspection certifying that the required
2 inspection has been made and the taxicab meets the standards required by state law, as amended
3 from time to time. The corporation or owner shall submit to the Sheriff's Department, within
4 ten (10) days from the date of the inspection, a copy of the certificate of inspection. The
5 provisions of this section shall not exempt the corporation or owner of a taxicab from the
6 required emissions control testing as required by state law.

7 C. The provisions of this section shall not relieve the corporation, owner or driver of a taxicab
8 operating in Harford County from the responsibility of maintaining the safety standards of the
9 vehicle as prescribed by the certificate of inspection at all times, nor shall the provisions of this
10 section relieve the corporation, owner or driver from the responsibility of any repairs of the
11 vehicle which occur between inspection dates.

12 D. The Harford County Sheriff's Department is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this
13 section and §§ 232-9 and 232-10 shall not apply to a taxicab operating within a municipality
14 located in Harford County or to a taxicab subject to the jurisdiction of a municipality located
15 in Harford County or to any other county or municipality in Maryland or any other state where
16 the taxicab is subject to an inspection at least once a year and annually thereafter.

17 § 232-9. Vehicle identification.

18 The owner of a taxicab subject to the provisions of § 232-8 shall attach to the vehicle proper
19 identification that the vehicle is a taxicab. Such identification shall include the name of the owner and
20 vehicle number. The identification shall be displayed on the side of both front doors of the vehicle. The
21 owner shall provide the Sheriff's Department with sufficient proof to show compliance with the provisions
22 of this section.

23 § 232-10. Rates charged by owner.

24 The owner of every taxicab subject to the provisions of § 232-9 shall post in a conspicuous place in
25 the taxicab and make available to any person who requests the same a current price list with the current
26 rates charged by the owner. The owner shall provide the Sheriff's Department with a copy of the current
27 price list and rates charged by the owner.

§ 232-11. Compliance by owner.

Every taxicab owner shall at all times comply with the provisions of this chapter and all laws and regulations applicable to the operation of his business in the county.

§ 232-12. Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter are applicable to any taxicab which picks up any passenger in Harford County outside the corporate limits of any municipality, including those licensed by a municipality, except for a taxicab or operator licensed by a municipality located in the county when solicited by telephone from a passenger located in the county for service to a designation within the municipality.

§ 232-13. Violations and penalties.

A. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

B. Each day that any violation of any provision of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.

C. The suspension or revocation of any license, permit, certificate or other privilege conferred by the county shall not be regarded as a penalty for the purposes of this Code but shall be in addition thereto.]

SECTION 232-1. DEFINITIONS.

IN THIS CHAPTER THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

A. CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE -- HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 27, § 277 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

A-B. DEPARTMENT -- THE HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS.

B-C. LICENSE -- A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO OWN A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS OPERATED AS A TAXICAB.

C-D. PERMIT -- A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO OPERATE A TAXICAB IN THE COUNTY.

1 ~~D-E.~~ OWNER -- THE PERSON OR BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHOSE NAME A TAXICAB
2 IS REGISTERED WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
3 STATE OF MARYLAND.

4 ~~E-F.~~ TAXICAB -- A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE THAT IS DESIGNED TO CARRY
5 SEVEN OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER, AND WHICH IS
6 USED TO TRANSPORT PASSENGERS BETWEEN POINTS ALONG PUBLIC
7 STREETS AND ROADS IN THE COUNTY AT THE DIRECTION OF THE
8 PASSENGERS.

9 SECTION 232-2. APPLICABILITY.

10 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ARE APPLICABLE TO ANY TAXICAB WHICH PICKS
11 UP ANY PASSENGER IN HARFORD COUNTY OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY
12 MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER JURISDICTION EXCEPT FOR A TAXICAB OR OPERATOR
13 LICENSED BY A MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR BY ANOTHER
14 JURISDICTION WHEN SOLICITED BY TELEPHONE FROM A PASSENGER LOCATED IN THE
15 COUNTY FOR SERVICE TO A DESTINATION WITHIN THE LICENSING MUNICIPALITY OR
16 JURISDICTION.

17 SECTION 232-3. DRIVER'S PERMIT.

18 A. AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT OPERATE A TAXICAB IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT A
19 VALID DRIVER'S PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

20 B. AN OWNER OF A TAXICAB SHALL NOT ALLOW THE TAXICAB TO BE OPERATED
21 BY A DRIVER WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S PERMIT.

22 C. TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMIT, AN APPLICANT:

23 (1) SHALL PAY THE REQUIRED FEES;

24 (2) SHALL POSSESS A VALID MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE;

25 (3) SHALL BE ABLE TO ~~SPEAK, READ, AND WRITE~~ UNDERSTAND THE ENGLISH
26 LANGUAGE WELL ENOUGH ~~TO UNDERSTAND AND~~ TO COMPLETE THE
27 PERMIT APPLICATION SATISFACTORILY;

- 1 (4) SHALL NOT BE ADDICTED TO THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED
2 DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE;
- 3 (5) SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT, THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 5 (A) THE APPLICANT'S NAME, CURRENT RESIDENCE, RESIDENCE(S) FOR
6 THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS, DATE OF BIRTH, RACE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT,
7 HAIR COLOR, EYE COLOR, PLACE OF BIRTH, AND MARYLAND
8 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER;
- 9 (B) THE APPLICANT'S PREVIOUS EMPLOYER;
- 10 (C) THE DATE, PLACE, AND NATURE OF ANY FELONY OR
11 MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION OF THE APPLICANT;
- 12 (D) THE BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM WHICH
13 THE APPLICANT WILL OPERATE; AND
- 14 (E) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE
15 APPLICATION FORM;
- 16 (6) SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION:
- 17 (A) A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT CERTIFIED DRIVING
18 RECORD, INCLUDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, IF ANY, FROM THE
19 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND;
- 20 (B) REFERENCES FROM AT LEAST 2 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE KNOWN
21 THE APPLICANT FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR, OTHER THAN A RELATIVE
22 OF THE APPLICANT, ANOTHER TAXICAB DRIVER, OR A TAXICAB
23 OWNER; AND
- 24 (C) A STATEMENT FROM A PHYSICIAN LICENSED BY THE STATE OF
25 MARYLAND CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NO PHYSICAL
26 CONDITION WHICH WOULD IMPAIR THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO
27 OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE. THE RESULTS OF A DRUG SCREENING

TEST FROM A LABORATORY CERTIFIED TO ENGAGE IN TESTING FOR
CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES BY THE MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE SHALL ALSO BE
INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT PROVIDED BY THE PHYSICIAN; AND

(7) SHALL OBTAIN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND
PERMITS TWO BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS: ONE SHALL BE
ATTACHED TO THE PERMIT WHEN ISSUED AND ONE SHALL BE ATTACHED
TO THE APPLICATION.

(8) SHALL SUBMIT A CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM ("CJIS")
CENTRAL REPOSITORY APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK
AND THE REQUIRED FEE TO THE CJIS CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND
AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION TO THE HARFORD
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

SECTION 232-4. INVESTIGATION.

A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD EACH APPLICATION TO THE SHERIFF'S
OFFICE.

B. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE REQUESTED TO:

- (1) FINGERPRINT THE APPLICANT;
- (2) INQUIRE INTO THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS; AND
- (3) REPORT ANY FINDINGS AS A RESULT OF ITS INVESTIGATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 232-5. ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF DRIVER'S PERMIT; TERM.

A. IF AN APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER, THE
DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A DRIVER'S PERMIT TO THE APPLICANT.

B. EACH PERSON WHO HOLDS A DRIVER'S PERMIT SHALL CONSPICUOUSLY
DISPLAY THE PERMIT IN THE TAXICAB WHILE OPERATING A TAXICAB IN THE
COUNTY.

1 C. A DRIVER'S PERMIT EXPIRES ONE (1) YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

2 SECTION 232-6. TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE.

3 A. AN OWNER OF A TAXICAB SHALL NOT ALLOW THE TAXICAB TO BE OPERATED
4 IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT A VALID OWNER'S LICENSE ISSUED TO THE OWNER
5 BY THE DEPARTMENT.

6 B. TO QUALIFY FOR A TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE:

7 (1) A TAXICAB OWNER MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE
8 PROVISIONS OF THE HARFORD COUNTY ZONING CODE AND POSSESS ALL
9 APPLICABLE PERMITS.

10 (2) A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL PAY THE REQUIRED FEE.

11 (3) A TAXICAB SHALL BE VALIDLY REGISTERED AS A CLASS B VEHICLE WITH
12 THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

13 (4) A TAXICAB SHALL BE COVERED BY A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY THAT
14 INSURES THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR AGAINST LIABILITY TO
15 ~~PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR AT LEAST:~~

16 ~~(A) THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UP TO \$50,000 FOR BODILY INJURY OR~~
17 ~~DEATH ARISING FROM AN ACCIDENT FOR ANY ONE PERSON AND UP~~
18 ~~TO \$100,000 FOR ANY 2 OR MORE PERSONS.~~

19 ~~(B) THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS UP TO \$20,000 FOR PROPERTY OF OTHERS~~
20 ~~DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN AN ACCIDENT.~~

21 PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR:

22 (A) AT LEAST \$20,000 FOR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH ARISING FROM AN
23 ACCIDENT FOR ANY ONE PERSON AND UP TO \$40,000 FOR ANY 2 OR
24 MORE PERSONS; AND

25 (B) AT LEAST \$10,000 FOR PROPERTY OF OTHERS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED
26 IN AN ACCIDENT".

27 (5) A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL OPERATE THE TAXICAB BUSINESS FROM A

PERMANENT ADDRESS IN HARFORD COUNTY (A TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE OR A POST OFFICE BOX SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT ADDRESS).

(6) A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL SUBMIT A TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE APPLICATION, ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) THE MAKE, YEAR, MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER, AND REGISTRATION NUMBER OF EACH TAXICAB;

(B) THE OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND, IF A CORPORATE OWNER, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CURRENT RESIDENT AGENT FOR THE CORPORATION;

(C) THE ONE TRADE NAME UNDER WHICH THE TAXICAB WILL BE OPERATED (NO VEHICLE OPERATED AS A TAXICAB MAY BE SO OPERATED BY MORE THAN ONE TAXICAB OWNER OR BUSINESS OR UNDER MORE THAN ONE TRADE NAME);

(D) THE HARFORD COUNTY ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM WHICH THE TAXICAB WILL BE OPERATED;

(E) A LIST OF THE RATES TO BE CHARGED PASSENGERS; AND

(F) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

C. IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON OWNS A TAXICAB, ANY ONE OF THEM MAY APPLY FOR A LICENSE.

D. IF A CORPORATION APPLIES FOR A LICENSE, THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS HOLDING A 25% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE CORPORATION.

SECTION 232-7. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.

A. IF AN OWNER AND ITS TAXICAB OR TAXICABS SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE OWNER A TAXICAB

1 OWNER'S LICENSE. EACH TAXICAB OWNED BY THE LICENSED TAXICAB OWNER
2 SHALL RECEIVE A SEPARATE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

3 B. A LICENSE EXPIRES ONE (1) YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.

4 SECTION 232-8. DENIAL OF LICENSE OR PERMIT.

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW AN OWNER'S LICENSE OR
6 A DRIVER'S PERMIT IF THE OWNER OR DRIVER:

- 7 (1) DOES NOT MEET A QUALIFICATION FOR THE LICENSE OR PERMIT;
8 (2) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR PLED GUILTY OR *NOLO CONTENDERE* TO
9 ANY CRIME AGAINST A PERSON OR ANY CRIME INVOLVING ALCOHOL OR
10 A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE;
11 (3) HAS HAD ANY TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE OR DRIVER'S PERMIT OR A
12 SIMILAR LICENSE OR PERMIT REVOKED ONCE OR SUSPENDED TWICE; OR
13 (4) MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT ON THE APPLICATION.

14 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A DRIVER'S PERMIT
15 IF THE DRIVER:

- 16 (1) HAS HAD MORE THAN 6 POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE
17 BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND
18 IN THE PAST 2 YEARS; OR
19 (2) HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION THAT RENDERS THE DRIVER
20 UNFIT FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

21 SECTION 232-9. APPEAL PROCEDURE.

22 A PERSON WHO IS DENIED A LICENSE OR PERMIT MAY APPEAL THE DENIAL TO THE
23 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

24 SECTION 232-10. RENEWAL OF LICENSES AND PERMITS.

25 A. A LICENSE OR A PERMIT MAY BE RENEWED IF THE OWNER OR DRIVER:

- 26 (1) PAYS THE RENEWAL FEE.
27 (2) IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

B. AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL, THE OWNER SHALL:

(1) SUBMIT PROOF OF THE INSURANCE REQUIRED BY SECTION 232-6 B. (4) OF THIS CHAPTER.

(2) SUBMIT PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSPECTION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 232-16 A. OF THIS CHAPTER.

C. AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL, THE DRIVER SHALL SUBMIT THOSE ITEMS REQUIRED BY SECTION 232-3 C. (5), (6), (7) AND (8) WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE DRUG SCREENING TEST REQUIRED BY SECTION 232-3 B. (6)(C) AT THE TIME OF INITIAL APPLICATION NEED NOT BE REPEATED.

SECTION 232-11. CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR LOCATION.

A TAXICAB OWNER OR DRIVER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF A CHANGE IN BUSINESS ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN WRITING WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS OF THE CHANGE.

SECTION 232-12. TRANSFER OR REMOVAL FROM SERVICE.

A. A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS AFTER:

(1) THE TAXICAB IS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED;

(2) THE TAXICAB IS PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM SERVICE FOR ANY REASON;

(3) THE TAXICAB IS STOLEN; OR

(4) THE TAXICAB'S REGISTRATION IS REVOKED.

B. A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL SUBMIT ADEQUATE PROOF TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE TAXICAB HAS BEEN:

(1) SOLD OR TRANSFERRED; OR

(2) PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

SECTION 232-13. OPERATION OF TAXICABS.

A. A TAXICAB MAY NOT CARRY MORE THAN THE MANUFACTURER'S

1 SPECIFICATION OF OCCUPANTS AT ONE TIME.

2 B. A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL FURNISH A TRIP LOG FOR THE TAXICAB WHICH
3 SHALL CONTAIN THE IDENTIFICATION AND LICENSE TAG NUMBER OF THE
4 VEHICLE. THE LOG SHALL CONTAIN THE POINTS OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION,
5 THE TRIP START AND COMPLETION TIMES, THE FARE COLLECTED AND THE
6 NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. THIS LOG SHALL BE RETAINED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE
7 YEAR AFTER THE LAST TRIP RECORDED IN THE LOG AND SHALL BE MADE
8 AVAILABLE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPON REQUEST.

9 C. WHILE DRIVING A TAXICAB, A DRIVER:

10 (1) SHALL PROCEED TO A PASSENGER'S DESTINATION BY THE SHORTEST
11 PRACTICABLE ROUTE;

12 (2) SHALL GIVE A RECEIPT SHOWING THE DATE AND FARE TO A PASSENGER
13 WHO REQUESTS IT;

14 (3) MAY NOT PERMIT ANOTHER PERSON TO USE THE DRIVER'S PERMIT;

15 (4) MAY NOT REFUSE WHEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE IDENTIFICATION
16 NUMBER OF THE TAXICAB OR THE RATE CHARGED TO A PASSENGER, THE
17 DEPARTMENT OR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

18 (5) MAY NOT WILLFULLY MISLEAD OR MISCONVEY A PASSENGER; AND

19 (6) SHALL OBEY ALL MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS.

20 SECTION 232-14. IDENTIFICATION OF TAXICABS.

21 A. A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL HAVE THE COMPANY'S NAME PERMANENTLY
22 PRINTED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TAXICAB'S FRONT DOORS.

23 B. THE OWNER SHALL PROVIDE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH SUFFICIENT PROOF
24 TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION
25 232-16.

26 C. UPON VERIFICATION BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF SUCH COMPLIANCE, THE
27 SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL ATTACH A HARFORD COUNTY MEDALLION TO THE

1 LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE REAR WINDSHIELD.

2 SECTION 232-15. POSTING OF RATES.

3 A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL:

- 4 (1) CONSPICUOUSLY POST IN THE TAXICAB A LIST OF THE RATES CHARGED
5 PASSENGERS; AND
6 (2) MAKE AVAILABLE A COPY OF THE LIST TO ANY PERSON WHO REQUESTS
7 IT.

8 SECTION 232-16. INSPECTIONS.

9 A. A TAXICAB OWNER SHALL:

- 10 (1) HAVE THE TAXICAB INSPECTED EVERY SIX (6) MONTHS BY AN
11 INSPECTION STATION LICENSED BY THE AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY
12 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE.
13 (2) NOT ALLOW THE TAXICAB TO BE OPERATED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF
14 INSPECTION FROM THE STATION.

15 B. AFTER DISPLAYING IDENTIFICATION, A MEMBER OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAY
16 INSPECT A TAXICAB AT ANY TIME TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS IN
17 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER.

18 C. AN OWNER OR A DRIVER, WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY A PERSON
19 AUTHORIZED TO INSPECT A TAXICAB UNDER SUBSECTION B. OF THIS SECTION,
20 SHALL ALLOW THE TAXICAB TO BE INSPECTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS
21 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER.

22 SECTION 232-17. FEES.

23 A. THERE SHALL BE A FEE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 24 (1) ANNUAL DRIVER'S PERMIT;
25 (2) ANNUAL TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE;
26 (3) REPLACEMENT OF A LOST OR STOLEN DRIVER'S PERMIT OR OWNER'S
27 LICENSE;

(4) PHOTOGRAPH FOR A DRIVER'S PERMIT; AND

(5) EACH MEDALLION ISSUED.

B. THE AMOUNT OF EACH FEE SHALL BE AS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 157 OF THIS CODE.

C. A SINGLE OWNER/OPERATOR'S PERMIT FEE SHALL BE CHARGED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO OWN ONLY ONE TAXICAB AND DRIVE THAT TAXICAB THEMSELVES.

SECTION 232-18. RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO HAVE DRIVER'S PERMIT HOLDERS RANDOMLY TESTED FOR THE USE OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

SECTION 232-18 232-19. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES AND PERMITS.

A. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND AN OWNER'S TAXICAB LICENSE OR A PERSON'S DRIVER'S PERMIT IF IT FINDS:

(1) FACTS EXISTING PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN OWNER'S LICENSE OR A DRIVER'S PERMIT THAT WOULD BE CAUSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER FOR REFUSAL TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENSE OR PERMIT;

(2) A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER BY THE OWNER OR THE DRIVER;

(3) THAT THE OWNER OR DRIVER HAS PLED GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME AGAINST A PERSON OR A VIOLATION OF A LAW GOVERNING CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES OR ALCOHOL;

(4) THAT THE OWNER OR DRIVER HAS PROCURED OR ATTEMPTED TO PROCURE A LICENSE OR PERMIT THROUGH FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION, A FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT, OR AN OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS; OR

(5) THAT THE OWNER OR DRIVER HAS OPERATED, OR ALLOWED A TAXICAB TO BE OPERATED, IN A MANNER THAT ENDANGERS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE.

1 B. IN ADDITION TO THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH A. OF THIS SECTION,
2 THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND THE PERMIT OF A DRIVER IF:

3 (1) THE DRIVER HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO STOP AFTER
4 INVOLVEMENT IN AN ACCIDENT.

5 (2) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND
6 SUSPENDS OR REVOKES HIS OR HER DRIVER'S LICENSE.

7 (3) THE DRIVER TESTS POSITIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF A CONTROLLED
8 DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AS THE RESULT OF A TEST ADMINISTERED
9 UNDER §232-18 OF THIS CHAPTER.

10 (4) THE DRIVER REFUSES TO CONSENT TO A TEST REQUIRED BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT UNDER §232-18 OF THIS CHAPTER.

12 C. A REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION UNDER § A. (3) OF THIS SECTION REMAINS IN
13 EFFECT PENDING APPEAL UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CRIMINAL ACTION.

14 SECTION ~~232-19~~ 232-20. NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.

15 A. UPON DETERMINING TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND AN OWNER'S LICENSE OR A
16 DRIVER'S PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

17 (1) NOTIFY THE HOLDER OF THE LICENSE OR PERMIT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
18 DECISION IN WRITING BY CERTIFIED MAIL; AND

19 (2) STATE THE REASONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION.

20 B. THE HOLDER OF AN OWNER'S LICENSE OR DRIVER'S PERMIT REVOKED OR
21 SUSPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPEAL THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION
22 TO THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

23 SECTION ~~232-20~~ 232-21. EVIDENTIARY PRESUMPTIONS.

24 A. THE FACT THAT A TAXICAB WAS BEING OPERATED BY A DRIVER WITHOUT A
25 DRIVER'S PERMIT CONSTITUTES PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE THAT THAT OWNER
26 INTENTIONALLY ALLOWED SAID DRIVER TO OPERATE THE TAXICAB WITHOUT
27 A DRIVER'S PERMIT.

- 1 B. THE FACT THAT A TAXICAB WAS BEING OPERATED IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT
2 A VALID OWNER'S LICENSE CONSTITUTES PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE
3 OWNER INTENTIONALLY ALLOWED THE TAXICAB TO BE OPERATED IN THE
4 COUNTY WITHOUT A VALID OWNER'S LICENSE.

5 SECTION ~~232-21~~ 232-22. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

- 6 A. ANY PERSON VIOLATING ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DEEMED
7 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE
8 SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) OR
9 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS OR BOTH, AT THE
10 DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

- 11 B. ANY BUSINESS ENTITY VIOLATING ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE
12 DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF,
13 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
14 (\$1,000), AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

- 15 C. EACH DAY THAT ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER
16 CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

- 17 D. THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF ANY LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATE OR
18 OTHER PRIVILEGE CONFERRED BY THE COUNTY SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS
19 A PENALTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CODE
20 BUT SHALL BE IN ADDITION THERETO.

21 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect sixty (60) calendar days from
22 the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: January 21, 1994

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 93-70 (as amended)

(Brief Title) Taxicab Regulations

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary
of the Council

[Signature]
President of the Council

Date November 16, 1993

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 93-31 (November 16, 1993)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 18th day of November, 1993 at 3:00 p. m.



James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Eileen M. Rehmann
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date November 22, 1993

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 93-70, as amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on November 22, 1993.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 21, 1994